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Documentos del proyecto en español, están disponibles para su revisión en:

http://www.slc.ca.gov/Info/CEQA/W heelerNorthReef.html



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SCH No. 1998031027 EIR No. 685, PRC 8097 W30105.1

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO CONSIDER CERTIFICATION OF A FINAL SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The California State Lands Commission (Commission or CSLC) staff has completed a Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Final SEIR) identified as State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 1998031027 and CSLC EIR No. 685, for the proposed Project described below.

Project Title: Construction and Management of an Artificial Reef in the Pacific Ocean

near San Clemente, California: Wheeler North Reef Expansion Project

**Project** Submerged lands offshore of San Clemente on State sovereign land,

**Location:** Orange County.

**Applicant:** Southern California Edison Company (SCE)

**Project Description:** SCE has applied to the Commission to amend Lease No. PRC 8097 to expand the Wheeler North Reef. Construction, long-term monitoring, and evaluation of the Wheeler North Reef is required under a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) issued by the California Coastal Commission (CCC) for the operation of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Units 2 and 3. To ensure that Wheeler North Reef will meet all absolute and relative performance standards under the CCC's CDP, the proposed Project would supplement the existing Wheeler North Reef by creating approximately 210 acres of additional kelp reef on low-relief quarry rocks.

The Commission is the lead agency for the proposed Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.). Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 2906, Commission staff is providing an opportunity for public review of the Final SEIR.

**Public Meeting:** The Commission will meet to review, consider, and receive public comment on certification of the Final SEIR, and, if the Final SEIR is certified, to take action on the proposed Project at the next meeting of the Commission, which will be held on February 4, 2019, at 10 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown Sacramento - Arena

(300 J Street, Sacramento CA 95814). Further details will be provided as they become available on the CSLC's website at <a href="http://www.slc.ca.gov">http://www.slc.ca.gov</a>.

**Background:** The Draft SEIR was circulated for an approximately 45-day public review period beginning November 13, 2018 and ending December 28, 2018. The Final SEIR is comprised of the full text of the Draft SEIR and subsequent changes and includes the information below.

- Preface (Part I)
- Comments and Responses to Comments received on the November 2018 Draft SEIR during the 45-day public comment period, including a list of persons, organizations, tribes/tribal organizations, and public agencies that provided comments (Part II)
- Revisions to the November 2018 Draft SEIR and other information added to the EIR (Part III)

The Final SEIR has been prepared for the Commission pursuant to CEQA and in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.). The State CEQA Guidelines stipulate that an EIR must be prepared for any project that may have a significant impact on the environment. The proposed Project is a "project" as defined by CEQA section 21065. Upon preliminary review, Commission staff determined that the proposed Project may have a significant adverse impact on the environment and, therefore, an EIR was required.

**Document Location:** The Final SEIR may be viewed electronically, in PDF format, on the CSLC'S website at <a href="www.slc.ca.gov">www.slc.ca.gov</a> (under "CEQA Notices"). Copies of the Final SEIR will also be available for review at the following locations:

Libraries:				
Dana Point Library		33841 Niguel Road, Dana Point, CA 92629		949-496-5517
San Clemente Library		242 Avenida Del Mar, San Clemente, CA 92672		949-492-3493
CSLC	Attn: Sarah Mongano		Attn: Mark LeClair	
Offices:	100 Howe Ave.,	Suite 100-South	200 Oceangate, 12th Floor	
	Sacramento, CA 95825		Long Beach, CA 90802	
	916-574-1889		562-590-5266	

If you would like a compact disc (CD) or hard copy of the Final SEIR mailed to you, or if you have any questions or need further information, please contact Sarah Mongano at the above contact address or telephone number or via email at <a href="mailto:sarah.mongano@slc.ca.gov">sarah.mongano@slc.ca.gov</a>.

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